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SUBJECT: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/131,941

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed the following items in connection with USSN 09/131,941:

- 1) Petition For Withdrawal from Issue - Issue Fee Paid (37 CFR 1.313(c)) (3 pages)
- 2) Request for Continued Examination (1 page).

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hidehiro ISHII, et al.

Application No.: 09 / 131,941 Group No.: 2653

Filed: August 10, 1998

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(37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c))

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PETITION

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue.

PATENT ISSUE FEE

2. The issue fee for this case has been paid on 12/29/04

(complete the following if known)

This application is scheduled to

- ☐ Issue on _____
☐ as patent _____

REASON(S) FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

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3. The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue is:

(check applicable item(s) below)

- (a) ☐ one or more of the claims are unpatentable.
(b) ☒ consideration of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. --ATTACHED
(c) ☐ for express abandonment to permit consideration of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97 in a continuing application.
(d) ☐ for express abandonment in favor of a continuing application.

Further details as to the reason(s) for this withdrawal request are set forth on the attached _____ sheet(s).

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AMENDMENT

NOTE: Any amendment accompanying a petition to withdraw an application from issue should comply with the requirements of § 312 (Amendment after allowance).

4. ☐ Accompanying this petition is an amendment.

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